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A.S.P. (B) will also attend.
Wednesday, April 19th.—Nos. 13 and
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Also recruits of No. 2 Company, and
Ambulance.
Thursday, April 20th.—Recruits of No.
1 Company.
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D.S.P. (Reserve).

NOTICE.

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£23,970,387

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PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on **TUESDAY, the 25th day of April, 1916, at 3 p.m.,** at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of **CROWN LAND** above Kennedy Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Locality	Boundary (approximate)	Area (approximate)	Frontage	Depth	Area (approximate)	Frontage	Depth
Lot No. 1	Between Lot No. 2 and Lot No. 3	1.5 acres	100 ft.	150 ft.	1.5 acres	100 ft.	150 ft.
Lot No. 2	Between Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 3	1.5 acres	100 ft.	150 ft.	1.5 acres	100 ft.	150 ft.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.
of
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.
situate at
Hung Hom in the Colony of Hongkong and being Kowloon Marine Lot No. 83, and Kowloon Island Lot No. 1178 to be sold in One Lot.

THURSDAY,
the 4th day of May, 1916, at 3 o'clock p.m., by
MR. GEO. P. LAMMEET, Auctioneer at his Auction Rooms in Duddell Street.

The Property consists of:—
All those pieces or parcels of ground situate at Hung Hom in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office respectively as Kowloon Marine Lot No. 83 and Kowloon Island Lot No. 1178. Kowloon Marine Lot No. 83 contains an area of "158,600 square feet" and is held for the term of 75 years from the 18th May, 1904, (renewable for another term of 75 years) created therein by a Crown Lease dated the 11th day of October, 1906 and made between His Late Majesty King Edward VII. of the one part and Donald Macdonald and John Wilkie of the other part subject to the payment of the Crown rent to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants therein reserved and contained.
Kowloon Island Lot No. 1178 is situate on the North-west side of Kowloon Island Lot No. 83 and contains an area of "27,073 square feet" and is held for the term of 75 years from the 18th May, 1904, created therein by a Crown Lease dated the 19th April, 1911 and made between His Majesty King George V. of the one part and the said Donald Macdonald and John Wilkie of the other part subject to the payment of the Crown rent to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants therein reserved and contained.
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11.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon. Every 10 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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THE WAR.

(Continued from Page 5.)

SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RUSSIAN WAR THEATRES.

SUCCESSES ON THE AUSTRO-GERMAN FRONT.

Petrograd, April 15.

A communique says:—
Two German attacks between Lakes Svanten and Ilhu were repulsed. Many German dead and wounded were abandoned.
The Russians in the region of the mouth of the Strypa stormed the hill and trenches towards the south, repulsing two enemy counter-attacks, and capturing many prisoners.

SIX DAYS' BATTLE WEST OF ERZERUM.

TURKS RETREATING IN DISORDER.

Fighting continues west of Erzerum. Turkish attacks against the Russian centre lasting six days were repulsed. The Turks suffered heavy losses and retreated in disorder. The Russians are vigorously pursuing them.

AUSTRIA ADMITS RETREATS.

Amsterdam, April 15.

An Austrian communique admits withdrawals on the Russian and Italian fronts under heavy enemy pressure.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ENEMY MOUNTAIN POSITION "RUSHED."

AUSTRIAN DEFEAT AT MONTENERO.

Rome, April 15.

A communique recounts a fine achievement by Italian mountaineers who, clambering up glaciers to an altitude of 10,000 feet rushed an enemy position.
A whole day attack on Montenero resulted in a repulse of the Austrians.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL MINOR OPERATIONS.

London, April 15.

A British communique reports:—
By exploding mines east of Verdun last evening we considerably damaged the enemy's positions and drew heavy but ineffective artillery in reply.
Our artillery early to-day successfully bombarded the neighbourhood of Soeches.
A small party during the night raided the German front trenches north-west of Lens and killed some occupants before withdrawing.

THE VICEROY'S VOYAGE TO INDIA.

UNSUCCESSFUL SUBMARINE ATTACK ON THE LINER.

London, April 15.

The British steamer *Chic*, 3,000 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk.
AMERICA AND GERMANY.

RESTRICTION OF SUBMARINE WARFARE DEMANDED.

AMERICA STRONGLY THREATENED.

Washington, April 14.

President Wilson and his Cabinet are understood to have agreed to the presentation to Germany of cumulative proofs of violations by submarines of Germany's guarantees.
These will be forwarded within the next forty-eight hours, accompanied by a definite and final demand for evidence of Germany's good faith in the observance of her guarantees.
New York, April 15.
The *Evening Post's* correspondent at Washington says the text of the Note drafted by Secretary Lansing has been approved by the Cabinet.
The Note demands of Germany a final abandonment of submarine warfare as affecting neutrals, otherwise there will be a diplomatic rupture.
The *Times's* correspondent at New York says the Note demands the punishment of submarine commanders responsible for attacks on the *Sussex* and other steamers, and a full and satisfactory indemnity. The Note also demands guarantees as to the future conduct of submarine warfare, under penalty of immediate rupture.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

New York, April 15.

Secretary Lansing announces that the Government is prepared to treat Germany's proposal for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, but an immediate withdrawal is not contemplated.

PANAMA CANAL RE-OPENED.

London, April 11.

The Panama Canal re-opens to-day after having been closed seven months.

ARMED LINERS.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO MERCHANT CAPTAINS.

GERMAN LIES EXPOSED.

The Secretary of the Admiralty has announced that in view of the recent issue by the German Government of a Memorandum on the treatment of armed merchant ships, the Admiralty decided to make public the instructions actually governing the actions of British merchant vessels armed for self-defence. These instructions, dated October 30, 1915, are as follows:—
INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENSIVELY ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS.

STATUS OF ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS.

1.—The right of the crew of a merchant vessel, forcibly to resist, and even to fight in self-defence, is well recognised in international law, and is expressly admitted by the German prize regulations in an addendum issued in June 1914, at a time when it was known that numerous merchant vessels were being armed in self-defence.
2.—The armament is supplied solely for the purpose of resisting attack by an armed vessel of the enemy. It must not be used for any other purpose whatsoever.
3.—An armed merchant vessel, therefore, must not in any circumstances interfere with or obstruct the free passage of other merchant vessels or fishing craft, whether these are friendly, neutral or hostile.
4.—The status of a British armed merchant vessel cannot be changed upon the High Seas.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE.

1.—The master or officer in command is responsible for opening and ceasing fire.
2.—Participation in armed resistance must be confined to persons acting under the orders of the master or officer in command.
3.—Before opening fire the British colours must be hoisted.
4.—Fire must not be opened or continued from a vessel which has stopped, hauled down her flag, or otherwise indicated her intention to surrender.
5.—The expression "armament" in these instructions includes not only cannon, but also rifles and machine guns, in cases where these are supplied.
6.—The ammunition used in rifles and machine-guns must conform to Article 23, Hague Convention IV, 1907, that is to say, the bullets must be encased in nickel or other hard substance, and must not be split or cut in such a way as to cause them to explode or set up on striking a man. The use of explosive bullets is forbidden.

CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE ARMAMENT SHOULD BE EMPLOYED.

1.—The armament is supplied for the purpose of defence only, and the object of the master should be to avoid action whenever possible.
2.—Experience has shown that hostile submarines and aircraft have frequently attacked merchant vessels without warning. It is important, therefore, that craft of this description should not be allowed to approach to a short range at which a torpedo or bomb launched without notice would almost certainly take effect.
3.—British and Allied submarines and aircraft have orders not to approach merchant vessels. Consequently it may be presumed that any submarine or aircraft which deliberately approaches or pursues a merchant vessel does so with hostile intention. In such cases fire may be opened in self-defence in order to prevent the hostile craft closing to a range at which it is itself attacked while at doing, fire may be opened in self-defence.
4.—It should be remembered that the flag is no guide to nationality. German submarines and armed merchant vessels have frequently employed British, Allied or neutral colours in order to approach merchant vessels. Consequently it may be presumed that any submarine or aircraft which deliberately approaches or pursues a merchant vessel does so with hostile intention. In such cases fire may be opened in self-defence in order to prevent the hostile craft closing to a range at which it is itself attacked while at doing, fire may be opened in self-defence.

3.—An armed merchant vessel proceeding to render assistance to the crew of a vessel in distress, must not seek action with any hostile craft, though if she is herself attacked while at doing, fire may be opened in self-defence.

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(The Admiralty point out that these instructions, which are those at present in force, are the latest issue. Successive issues have been made, not by revision of any change of policy, the policy of the Admiralty has remained unaltered, but in order, by improvement in wording and greater clearness of expression, to emphasise the purely defensive character of the armament of merchant vessels. It is because of the distorted interpretation given to these instructions as a whole and of the very forced character of the interpretation given by the German Government to the portions which they quote from the earlier issues of the instructions that the Admiralty have felt it desirable, with a view to allaying neutral anxiety, to publish these instructions in extended.)

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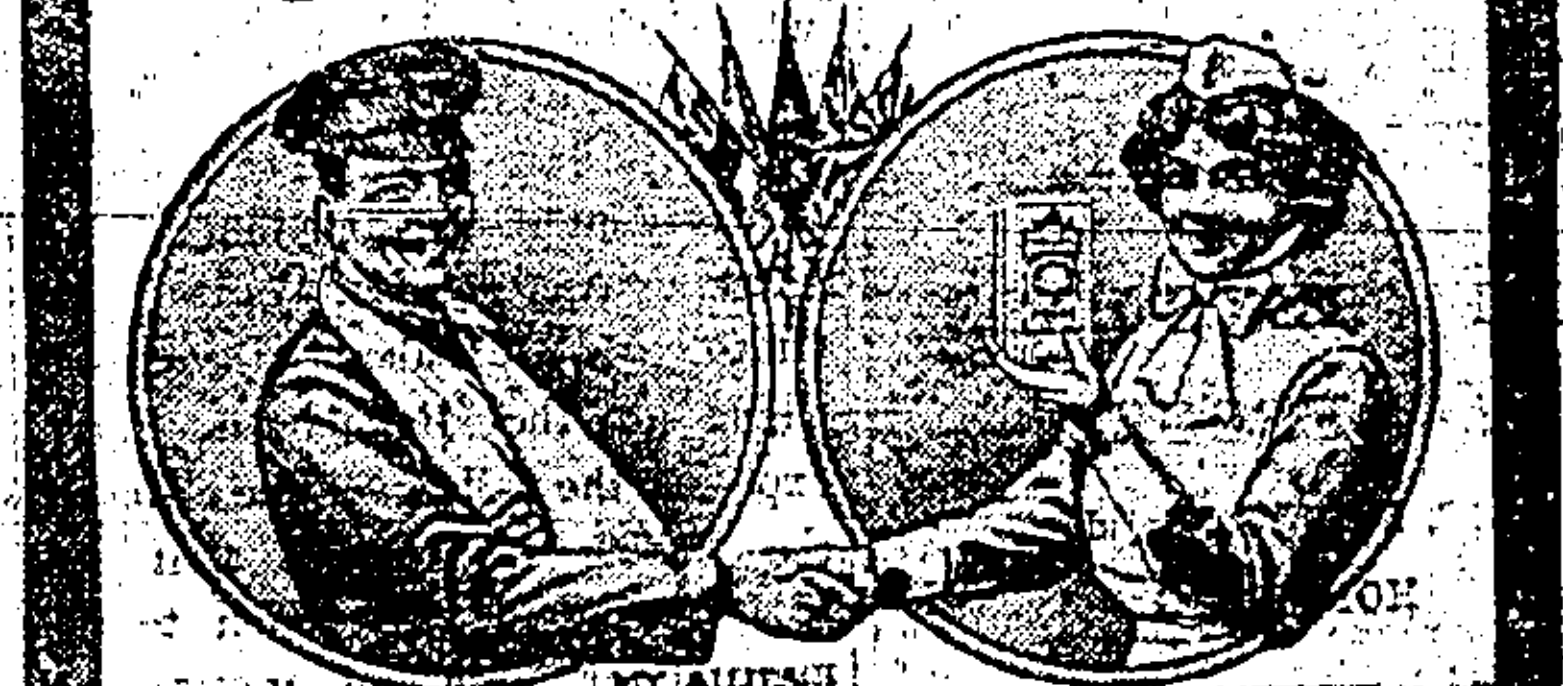
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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
E. V. D. PARR,
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affected.

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They will be examined on TUESDAY, 25th April, at 10 A.M.
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Hongkong, April 25, 1918. 545
